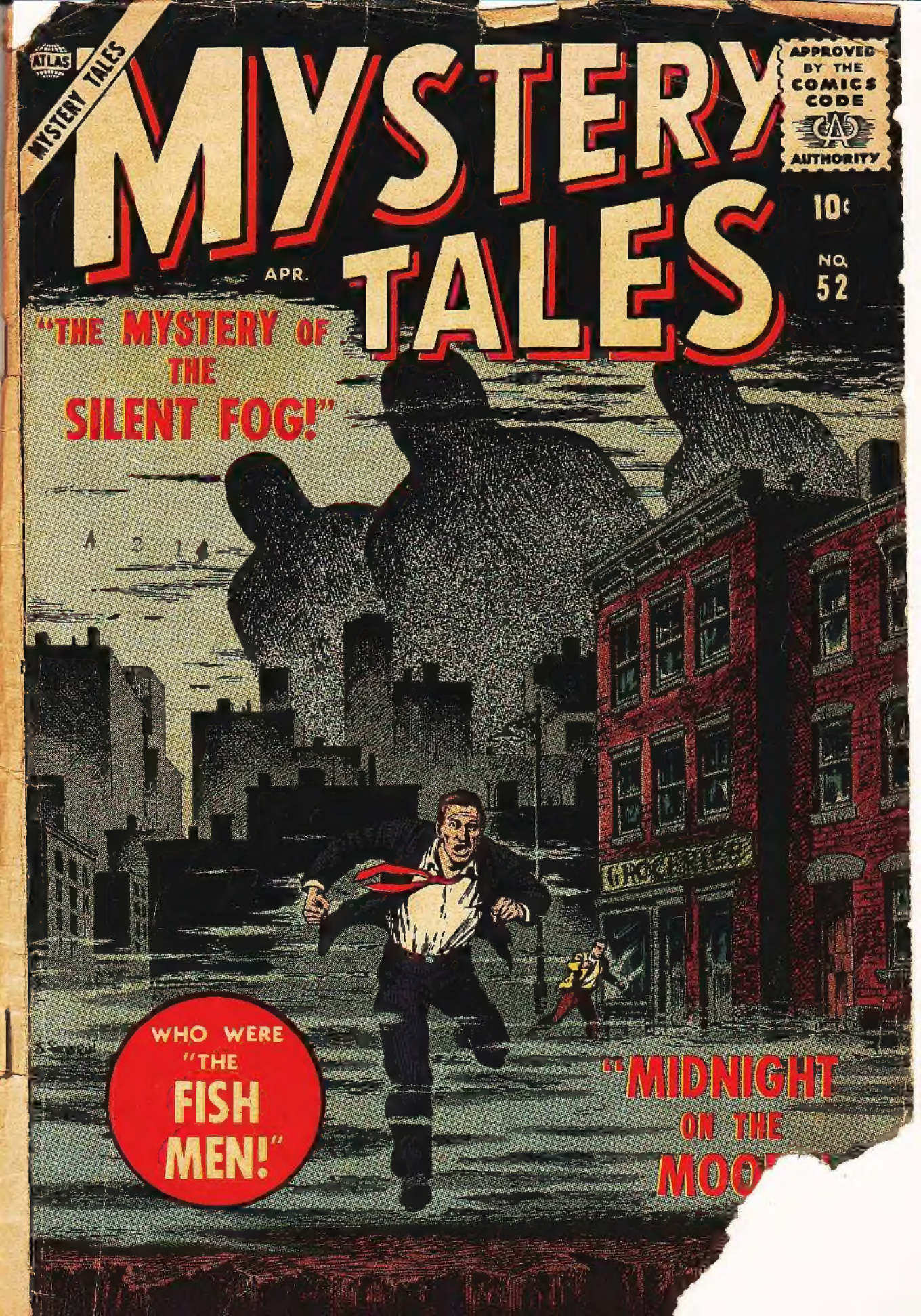
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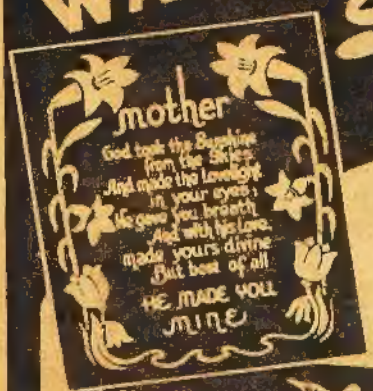

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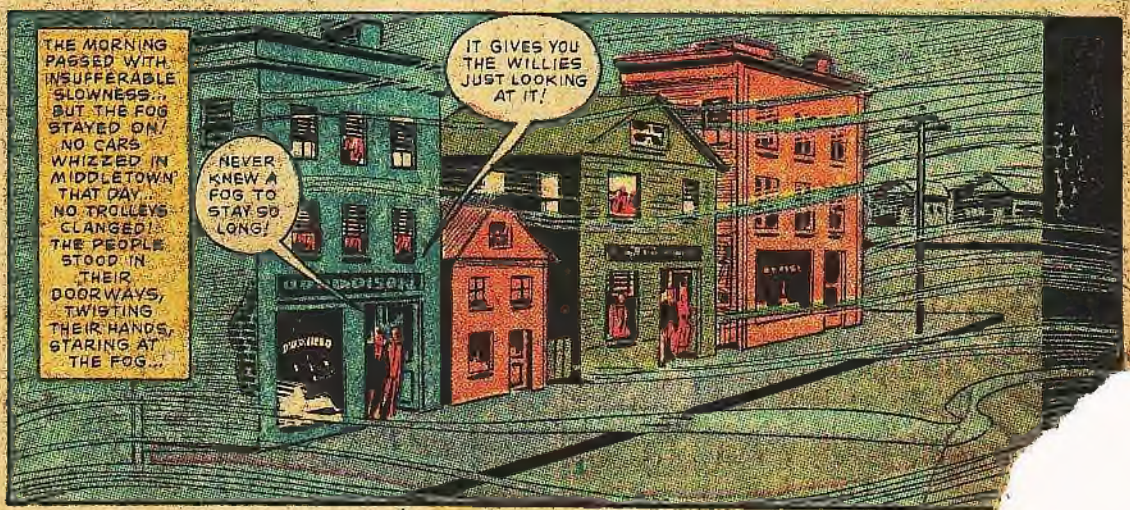
MYSTERY of the SILENT FOG!

THE STORM THAT HIT MIDDLETOWN ON SATURDAY NIGHT, WAS A BRISTLING BUNDLE OF THE ROUGHEST WEATHER ANY OF THE TOWNSPEOPLE HAD EVER SEEN! EVERYBODY IN MIDDLETOWN STAYED INSIDE THAT NIGHT, TRYING TO SNATCH SOME SLEEP BETWEEN THE THUNDERCLAPS...

THE STORM LET UP A BIT BEFORE DAWN...BUT THAT WAS WHEN THE FOG ROLLED IN...THE THICK, SILENT IMPERVIOUS FOG!
LOOK AT IT, WILL YOU! ANYBODY OUT IN THAT, COULD HARDLY SEE HIS HAND IN FRONT OF HIS FACE!


THE MORNING PASSED WITH INSUFFERABLE SLOWNESS... BUT THE FOG STAYED ON! NO CARS WHIZZED IN MIDDLETOWN THAT DAY... NO TROLLEYS CLANGED! THE PEOPLE STOOD IN THEIR DOORWAYS, TWISTING THEIR HANDS, STARING AT THE FOG...
NEVER KNEW A FOG TO STAY SO LONG!
IT GIVES YOU THE WILLIES JUST LOOKING AT IT!

GROPING THEIR WAY BLINDLY, THEY GATHERED TOGETHER IN THE TOWN SQUARE, SEEKING COMPANIONSHIP AS A WEAPON AGAINST NAMELESS FEAR...
YOUNG TOM HUDSON'S BOTTLED SOME OF THE FOG! HE'S CALLING UP A LAB IN BOSTON TO SEND SOMEBODY OVER TO ANALYZE IT!
HERE'S TOM NOW!
I COULDN'T GET THE CALL THROUGH TO BOSTON! THE LINES ARE ALL DOWN!
WHAT?
YOU KNOW WHAT THIS MEANS? WE'VE BEEN CUT OFF FROM THE OUTSIDE WORLD!
THE FOG DID IT... THE FOG!
WHAT COULD THE FOG HAVE TO DO WITH CUTTING TELEPHONE WIRES? IT WAS LAST NIGHT'S STORM!
IT'S THE FOG, I TELL YOU! CAN'T YOU FEEL HOW COLD AND CLAMMY IT IS... HOW EVIL!
HOW HOW COULD A FOG BE EVIL?
IF THAT'S HOW YOU FEEL, WHY ARE YOU JUST STANDING HERE, HUDDLED WITH THE REST OF US SCARED SHEEP? WHY DON'T YOU WALK TO THE END OF THE FOG... AND SEE FOR YOURSELF WHAT LIES BEYOND IT!
I...ER...I...
I'LL WALK TO THE END OF THE FOG!
YOU WOULD! YOU DON'T HAVE ENOUGH SENSE TO BE SCARED!
AND SO RUFUS MALLON, THE TOWN FOOL, LEFT THE SIDE OF HIS CRINGING NEIGHBORS! ONE STEP... AND HE WAS LOST TO VIEW, BLOTTED OUT BY THE FOG! AND THEN THE MINUTES TICKED SLOWLY BY...
HE'LL GET LOST!
WE'LL NEVER SEE HIM AGAIN!
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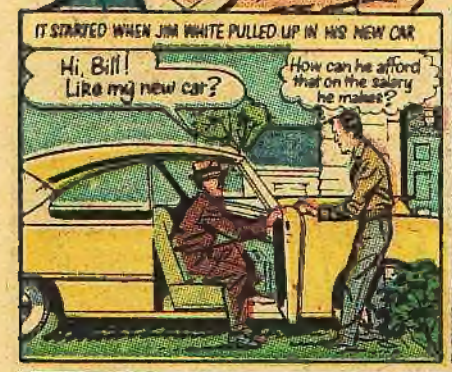
BUT JUST THEN THEY HEARD FRANTIC FOOTSTEPS...AND THEN RUFUS HIMSELF MATERIALIZED BESIDE THEM, HIS FACE WRITHING WITH DISMAY...
I-I SAW WHAT'S AT THE END OF THE FOG! NOTHIN' BUT NOTHINGNESS!
"THE WHOLE TOWN'S FLYIN"...UP THROUGH BLACK NOTHINGNESS!"
NOTHINGNESS?
THE FOOL MEANS SPACE!
HMPF...HE'S BEEN SEEING SPACE STORIES ON TV LATELY!
AND SO THEY DISMISSED THE REPORT CONTEMPTUOUSLY! BUT STILL NONE OF THEM COULD BRING HIMSELF TO VENTURE OUT INTO THE FOG! AND THEIR MINDS CIRCLED BACK TO WHAT RUFUS HAD TOLD THEM...
IT JUST DOESN'T MAKE SENSE! THE WHOLE TOWN JUST COULDN'T BE FLYING THROUGH SPACE!
NOT UNLESS SOME BEINGS FROM ANOTHER WORLD WERE TRANSPORTING US THERE! AND WHY WOULD THEY EVER PICK ON THIS TOWN? THERE'S NOTHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY ABOUT IT... IT'S JUST A PLAIN RUN-OF-THE-MILL AMERICAN TOWN!
YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN! ANY TIME ONE OF THOSE COLLEGE PROFESSORS WANTS TO STUDY A TYPICAL, AMERICAN TOWN, HE COMES RIGHT HERE!
THAT COULD BE THE ANSWER!
THE LAST VOICE TO RING OUT HAD BEEN THE MAYOR'S...
THAT COULD BE EXACTLY WHY THEY WOULD WANT TO TRANSPORT US THROUGH SPACE! WE'RE SO TYPICAL... ALL THEY'D HAVE TO DO IS STUDY US TO FIND OUT HOW MOST OF THIS WORLD LIVES!

I WANT EVERYBODY HERE TO GO HOME AND DRESS UP IN CRAZY OUTFITS...THE MORE OUTLANDISH THE BETTER! THEN COME OUT INTO THE STREETS AND DANCE AND SING AND DO CARTWHEELS... ANYTHING CRAZY THAT COMES INTO YOUR HEAD!
BUT WHY?
SO WE WON'T BE SO "TYPICAL"... AND THEN THEY WON'T WANT TO STUDY US!
THE TOWNSPEOPLE SNEERED... BUT THEY FINALLY AGREED TO DO THE MAYOR'S BIDDING, JUST AS A MEANS OF GETTING THEIR MINDS OFF THE FOG!
HOW LONG DO WE HAVE TO KEEP UP THIS CRAZY ROUTINE?
I'VE HAD ENOUGH!
ME, TOO!
JUST THEN...
LOOK... THE FOG'S STARTING TO LIFT!
AND WE'RE ON EARTH!
THEY WERE THANKFUL, BUT THEY REFUSED TO BELIEVE THE MAYOR'S STRATAGEM COULD HAVE HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH THEIR DELIVERANCE! AND AFTER DAYS OF ARGUING, AT LAST EVEN THE MAYOR TIREDLY AGREED...
I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT! THE WHOLE THING MUST'VE BEEN MASS HYSTERIA!
MAYOR!
IT'S TOM HUDSON!
THE FOG THAT I BOTTLED...THE COMPANY IN BOSTON JUST REPORTED ON IT! DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT FOG WAS, MAYOR? IT WAS SPACE DUST!
THE END

How I Made a Small Fortune In Spare Time!

(WITHOUT SPENDING A PENNY)

The TRUE STORY of William Bergstrom of Illinois



No, but maybe BETTER! I'm a Mason Shoe Man in off hours. You should see how people buy these shoes! Look, real AIR CUSHION innersoles!
GOSH! Can I make money that way?

Jim told me Mason sends a Selling Outfit FREE and shows how to make MONEY. So I mailed a coupon. My wife was thrilled:
Bill! Look... a real air cushion innersole that customers can feel!
And look at this! Over 175 different styles! Dress shoes, sport shoes, work shoes... from width AAAA to EEEE!

I started with friends, relatives, people where I worked. EVERYBODY wants comfortable shoes!
Just feel that cushion, Joe! Wouldn't you like to "Walk on Air" all day long?
Say, I'd like those shoes. You sure have swell styles... my right size, too!

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Come in, Mr. Bergstrom. Tom & I was getting another pair of Mason shoes. My wife needs a pair, too!
Never had a shoe fit so well!

I soon had a business that brought me over $3,000 EXTRA a year, plus exciting prizes. I found real security.
Bill! a new toaster!
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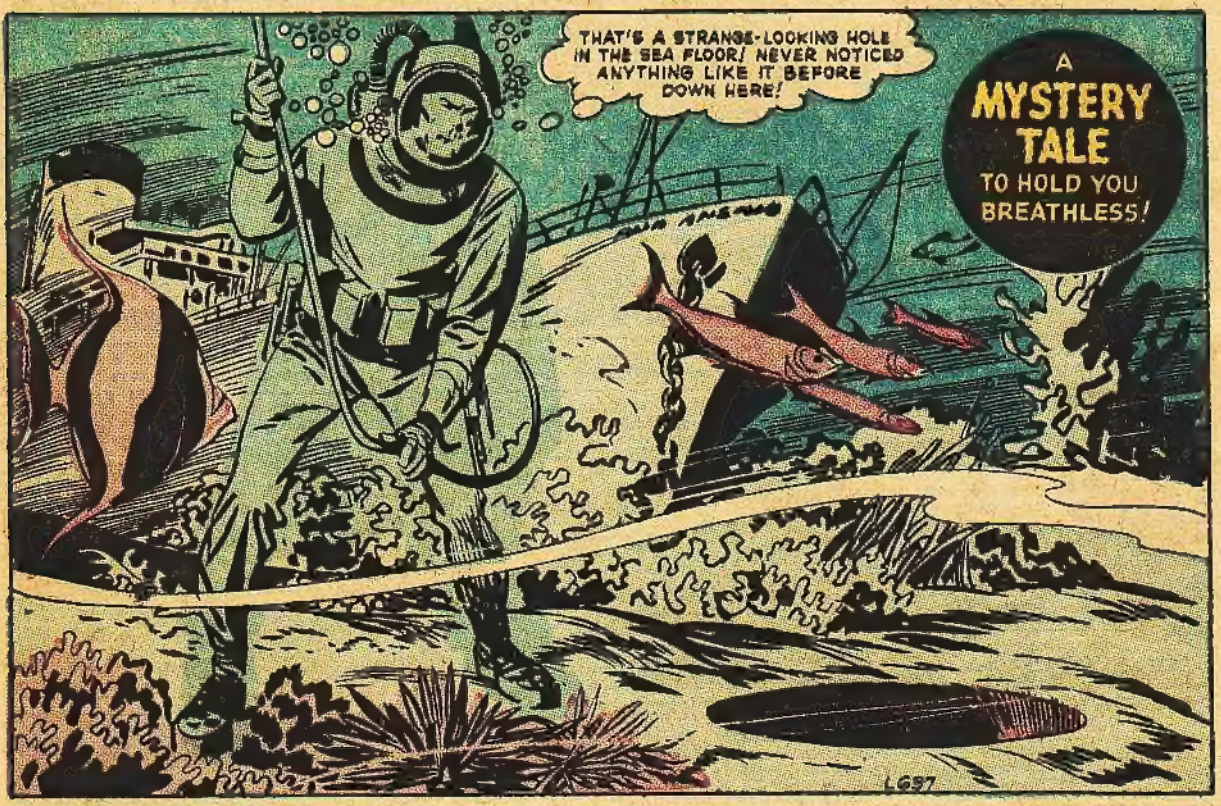
HANK FERRIS WAS A DEEP-SEA DIVER WHO WORKED FOR A SALVAGE COMPANY! HE HAD JUST REACHED THE FLOOR OF THE SEA, TUGGED ON HIS LINE SIGNALING THE BOAT ABOVE THAT HE HAD LOCATED THE WRECK HE WAS TO INVESTIGATE, WHEN HE SAW THE HOLE IN THE SEA FLOOR...AND THAT WAS THE BEGINNING OF THE STRANGEST ADVENTURE ANY MAN HAS EVER HAD!

The FISH MEN!


THAT'S A STRANGE-LOOKING HOLE IN THE SEA FLOOR! NEVER NOTICED ANYTHING LIKE IT BEFORE DOWN HERE!
A MYSTERY TALE TO HOLD YOU BREATHLESS!
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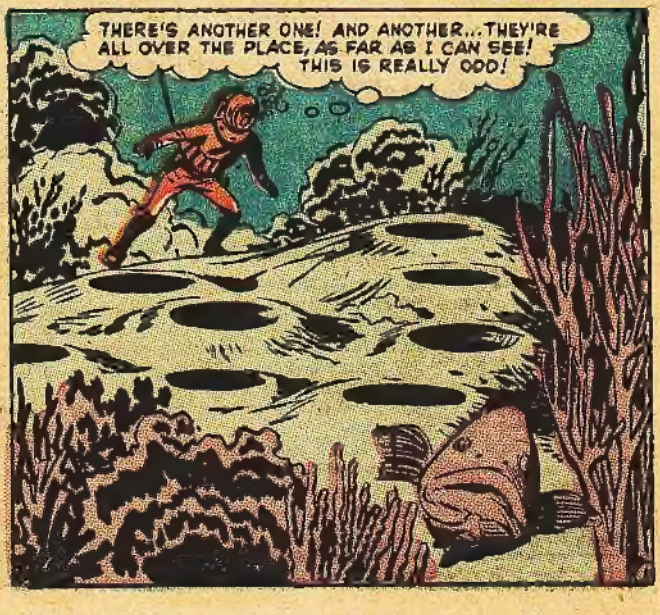

THERE'S MOVEMENT IN THAT NEAREST HOLE! I'D BETTER HIDE AND SEE WHAT KIND OF CREATURE MADE THEM! MIGHT BE SOMETHING DANGEROUS!
HANK HID BEHIND THE CORAL...A HUGE SCHOOL OF BRILLIANT UNDERSEA FISH SUDDENLY APPEARED, OBSCURING HIS VISION...
SOMETHING CAME OUT OF THAT HOLE...BUT I CAN'T SEE WHAT IT IS!
THEN, AS QUICKLY AS IT HAD COME, THE DENSE SCHOOL WAS GONE...AND HANK SAW WHAT HAD COME OUT OF THE HOLE!
I...I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! FISH MEN...A WHOLE ARMY OF THEM... AND MORE COMING!
THE DIVER WAS STUNNED, HIS MIND TRYING TO TAKE THIS IN, TO UNDERSTAND IT AND FIND A REASONABLE EXPLANATION!
THEY'VE GOT GILLS, BUT THEY LOOK LIKE MEN! BUT WHERE DID THEY COME FROM? HOW IS IT WE NEVER KNEW THEY EXISTED BEFORE? I'VE GOT TO GET A LOOK INTO ONE OF THOSE HOLES!
CAREFULLY HE CRAWLED AMONG THE SCREENING CORAL TOWARD ONE OF THE HOLES...
THE OLD LEGEND OF LOST ATLANTIS... CAN IT BE TRUE? IS THAT THE EXPLANATION?
A CITY, A HUGE CIVILIZATION AS FAR AS THE EYE CAN SEE! THE OCEAN FLOOR IS REALLY THE "ROOF" TO THE FISH MEN'S UNDERWATER WORLD! NO WONDER THEY'VE NEVER BEEN SEEN BEFORE! THEY MUST'VE JUST MADE THESE HOLES...

HANK STRUGGLED FOR JUST A MOMENT...THEN HE RELAXED, KNOWING HE HAD NO CHANCE!
SO YOU WERE WATCHING, MAN FROM THE LAND? OCCASIONALLY OUR SCOUTS HAVE ENCOUNTERED OTHERS LIKE YOU INVADING THE SEA!
HOW IS IT I HEAR YOUR VOICE?
WE ARE TELEPATHS! YOU HEAR NOT MY VOICE BUT MY THOUGHTS IN YOUR BRAIN! MAN, YOU ARE SEEING A DREAM OF CENTURIES COME TRUE... THE INVASION OF LAND BY US OF THE SEA!
BUT WHO ARE YOU?
WE ARE THE RULERS OF THE SEA AS YOU ARE THE RULERS OF THE LAND! THERE ARE MANY MORE OF US THAN OF YOU, FOR THE SEAS ARE MUCH LARGER THAN THE LAND MASSES!
"YOU KNOW OF THE FISH CREATURE WHICH, WITH SEMI-DEVELOPED LUNGS, CRAWLED FROM THE SEA TO LAND AND BECAME THE BASIC LIFE FORM THAT BEGAN THE EVOLUTION OF MAN! WE EVOLVED FROM THE SAME SOURCE, FROM THE RELATIVES OF THAT CREATURE THAT ELECTED TO STAY IN THE SEA!"
THAT IS WHY WE ARE HUMAN-LIKE! BUT WE EVOLVED MORE QUICKLY IN THIS NATIVE ENVIRONMENT! OUR INTELLIGENCE IS GREATER THAN MAN'S! NOW WE PLAN TO INVADE THE LAND AND RULE BOTH LAND AND SEA!
YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT MANKIND IS LIKE! IT'LL FIGHT AND SMASH YOU! YOU NEED LUNGS, NOT GILLS TO WALK ON THE LAND!
WE HAVE LUNGS! WE KNOW MAN'S DEFENSES! AND THESE HAND WEAPONS ARE ALL WE NEED! THEY CENTER IN ON ANY OBJECT! WE'LL VAPORIZE YOUR PLANES, CUT SWATHES THROUGH STEEL!
THEY ARE NUCLEAR-POWERED, BUT FAR IN ADVANCE OF MAN'S UNDERSTANDING OF ATOMIC POWER! THEY ARE THE GREATEST WEAPON EVER ACHIEVED BY THE HIGHEST INTELLIGENCE! YOU WILL BE PRIVILEGED TO SEE THE END OF LAND MAN'S SUPREMACY!
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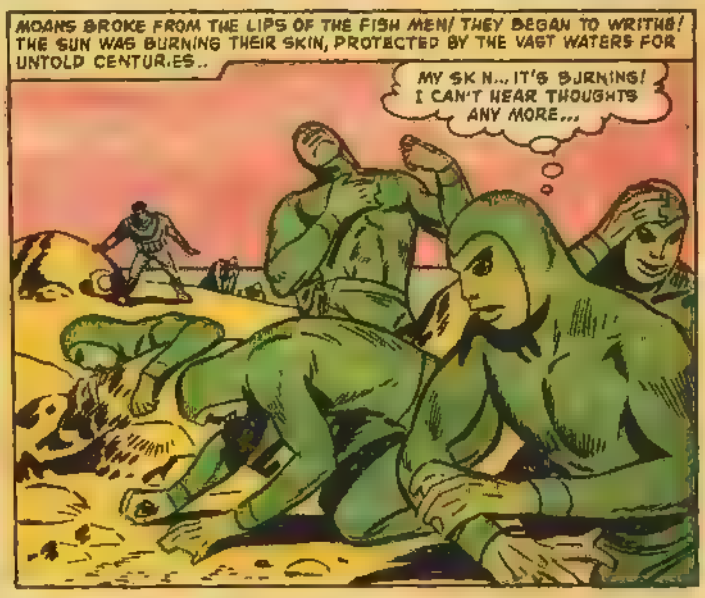
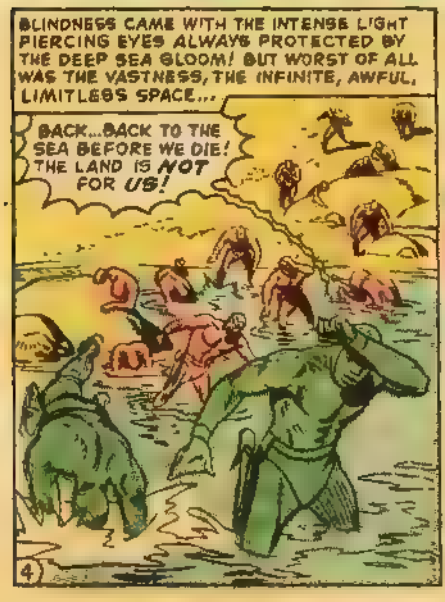
THEY HAD EVERYTHING PLANNED! THEY LANDED ON A DESERTED STRETCH OF BEACH AT FULL NOON...
ALL OVER YOUR WORLD, ON DESERTED STRETCHES OF BEACHES, OUR PEOPLE ARE EMERGING FROM THE WATER TO ATTACK YOUR CONTINENTS!

THE DIVER FELT THEIR STRENGTH AND SURENESS! HOPE LEFT HIM AND HE KNEW SUDDENLY THAT HOPE FOR ALL MANKIND HAD GONE TOO!
HOW CAN MAN STAND AGAINST THEM! OUTNUMBERED TEN TO ONE BY HIGHLY INTELLIGENT TELEPATHS, WITH THAT WEAPON, AND WHO KNOWS WHAT OTHER STRANGE MENTAL POWERS?

SUDDENLY, THE FRONT LINES FALTERED, SLOWED...
SO...SO VAST! HOW COULD WE CONCEIVE IT WOULD BE SO VAST?
THE THING MAN CALLS THE SUN... IT IS A BURNING THING!


MOANS BROKE FROM THE LIPS OF THE FISH MEN! THEY BEGAN TO WRITHE! THE SUN WAS BURNING THEIR SKIN, PROTECTED BY THE VAST WATERS FOR UNTOLD CENTURIES..
MY SK N... IT'S BURNING! I CAN'T HEAR THOUGHTS ANY MORE...


BLINDNESS CAME WITH THE INTENSE LIGHT PIERCING EYES ALWAYS PROTECTED BY THE DEEP SEA GLOOM! BUT WORST OF ALL WAS THE VASTNESS, THE INFINITE, AWFUL, LIMITLESS SPACE...
BACK...BACK TO THE SEA BEFORE WE DIE! THE LAND IS NOT FOR US!
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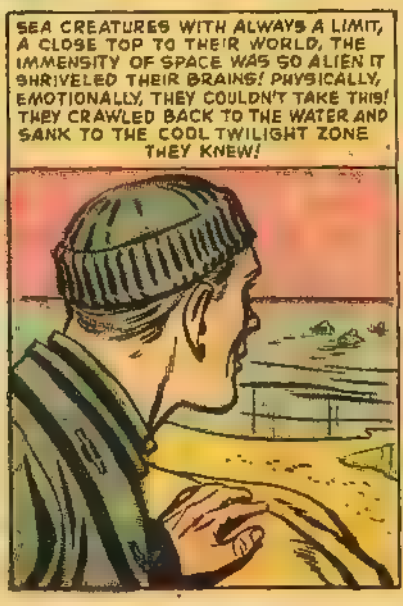
SEA CREATURES WITH ALWAYS A LIMIT, A CLOSE TOP TO THEIR WORLD, THE IMMENSITY OF SPACE WAS SO ALIEN IT SHRIVELED THEIR BRAINS! PHYSICALLY, EMOTIONALLY, THEY COULDN'T TAKE THIS! THEY CRAWLED BACK TO THE WATER AND SANK TO THE COOL TWILIGHT ZONE THEY KNEW!

HE STOOD ALONE ON THE BEACH, KNOWING THIS HAD HAPPENED ALL OVER THE WORLD...THE END OF A NIGHTMARE! AND HE LOOKED UP AT THE SUN AND THE VAST SKY AND GRINNED...
THEY DIDN'T HAVE THE GREATEST WEAPON... WE DID! A WEAPON NOT EVEN MAN MADE...THE BLESSED SKY ..THE SUN AND INFINITE SPACE!

The Broken Statue

HICKORY WATTS was a round-faced boy, with a friendly, freckled face, but the truth of the matter was that Hickory was too fresh. The other kids in the neighborhood seemed amazed that Hickory could get away with all the stunts he said he pulled at home. And Hickory made quite a point of telling them that he was able to do as he pleased in the house, and there was no one to stop him.

"It's really quite simple," Hickory explained. "You see I'm quite a good student of books and human nature. My parents marvel at my superior intelligence. Actually, they have to listen to me because I have them trained that way. This makes my way of life exceptionally pleasant, and you must admit I'm quite clever to be able to run things in my house as I choose. The worst part of being a child is having to take orders from other people, but this does not apply to me. *I* do the ordering in my house."

Hickory's mother rarely refused him anything! She was on her way to the kitchen when she realized she had not asked Hickory what he wanted her to cook for the family's dinner that night. And so, she prepared to enter the room when she heard Hickory's boasting.

The tears rushed to her eyes, and she turned away from the door with a heavy heart. She and her husband thought that Hickory was the most intelligent, most marvelous boy in the whole world. How cruel it was to find now that all he was interested in doing was bragging about himself! She must discuss this situation with her husband, and together they would find some way to show Hickory the error of his ways.

That night when Hickory was reading his encyclopedia, his father approached him.

"Son," he said solemnly, laying a heavy hand on Hickory's shoulder, "It has come to my attention that you're growing a little too big for your breeches."

Hickory looked down at the pants of the new military uniform he had ordered for himself that very week.

"They do fit a little snugly, don't they?" he admitted carelessly. "Oh, well, I shall ask mother to buy me an admiral's uniform next week. The navy's costume is a little more elegant I believe, and we shall order the trousers an extra size larger to make sure that they fit me."

"Come now!" his father said reprovingly. "I did not say your pants were too tight. I said you were too big for your breeches."

Hickory yawned.

"Really, Dad, I went to the trouble of agreeing with you, didn't I?" he asked.

Mr. Watts shrugged his shoulders helplessly and slouched away.

"There is only one man who may be able to teach Hickory his lesson," Mrs. Watts decided. "I suggest that we send Hickory to your father's house for the weekend."

"Don't you think it will be a little rough on the boy," Mr. Watts said moodily. "Father lives alone in that huge house, and Hickory will miss his friends terribly. Maybe Hickory does have too high a regard for himself, but he is a terribly sensitive boy."

"Well, I'd rather see him punished this way so that maybe he'll come home with more sense than sensitivity," his wife insisted. "Maybe if we show Hickory that we can manage perfectly well without him for the weekend, he'll appreciate us more. And he'll stop bragging about how he runs this house."

Hickory pretended to take the situation in stride, but it did distress him to feel that he was being banished from his house for excessive blabbing. He made a lonely figure, indeed, when he left the train and prepared to spend the next few days in the gloomy old house his grandfather lived in.

The only company his grandfather kept in the house was a collection of pretty statues. But charming statues were not the companions Hickory could order around to do as he pleased. His grandfather had been told that Hickory was not to be indulged in that weekend, and he strictly ordered that Hickory get into bed at seven that evening and stay

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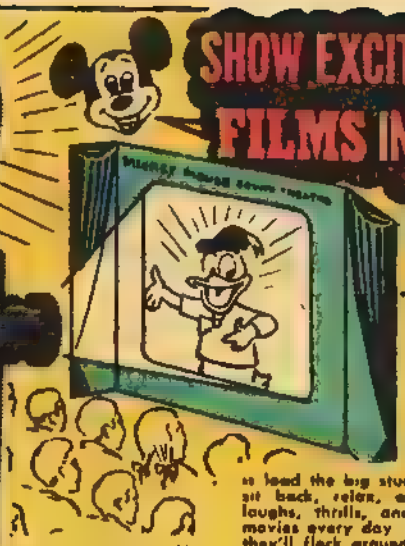

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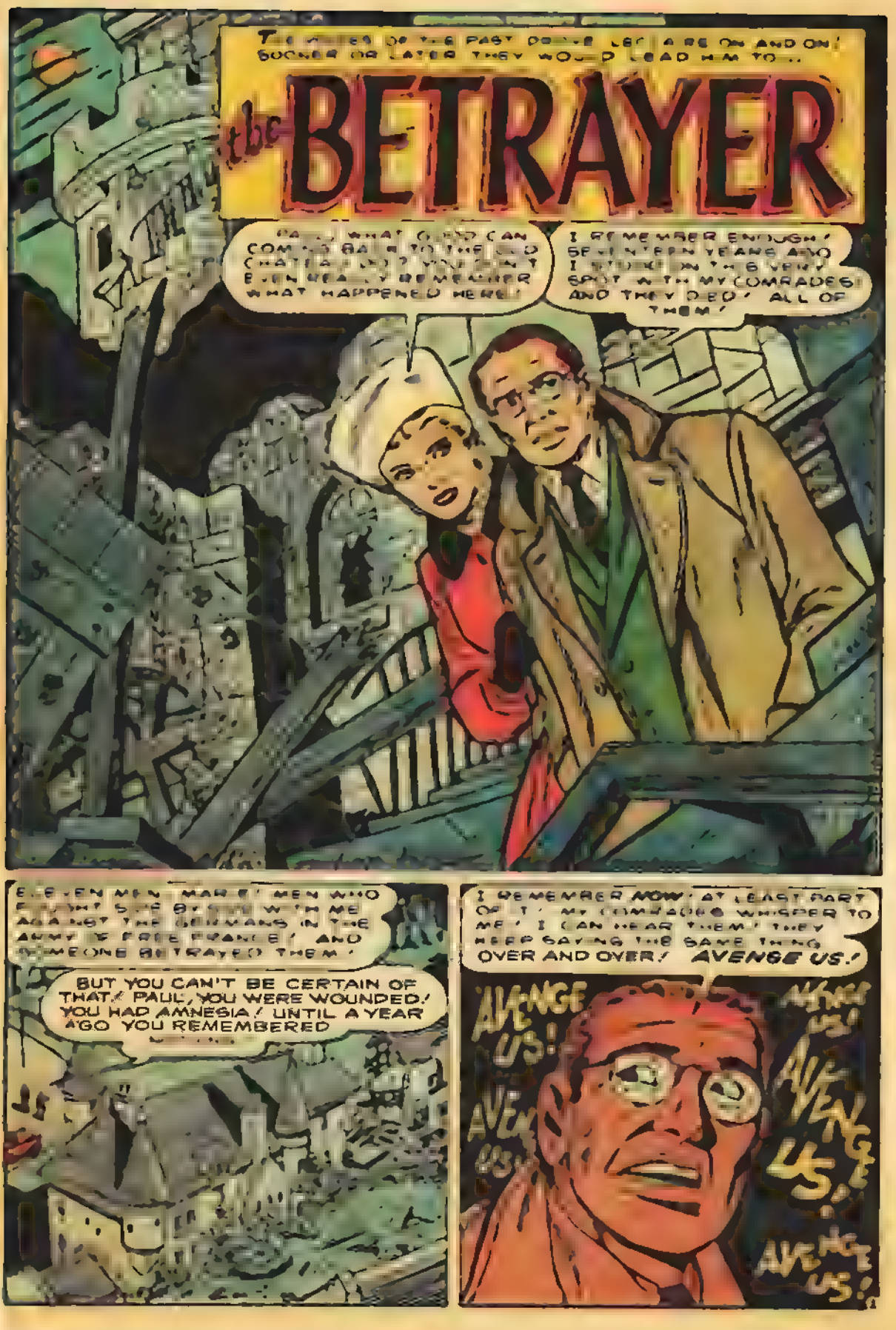
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the BETRAYER
OH, PAUL, WHAT GOOD CAN COME OF GOING BACK TO THE OLD CHATEAU? YOU CAN'T EVEN REALLY REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED HERE!
I REMEMBER ENOUGH! SEVENTEEN YEARS AGO I STOOD IN THIS VERY SPOT WITH MY COMRADES! AND THEY DIED! ALL OF THEM!
EIGHTEEN MEN, MARIE! MEN WHO FOUGHT SIDE BY SIDE WITH ME AGAINST THE GERMANS IN THE ARMY OF FREE FRANCE! AND SOMEONE BETRAYED THEM!
BUT YOU CAN'T BE CERTAIN OF THAT, PAUL, YOU WERE WOUNDED! YOU HAD AMNESIA! UNTIL A YEAR AGO YOU REMEMBERED
I REMEMBER NOW! AT LEAST PART OF IT! MY COMRADES WHISPER TO ME! I CAN HEAR THEM! THEY KEEP SAYING THE SAME THING OVER AND OVER! AVENGE US!
AVENGE US!
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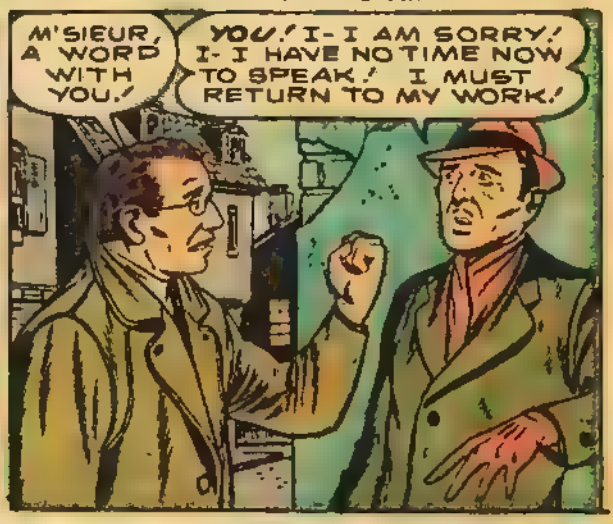
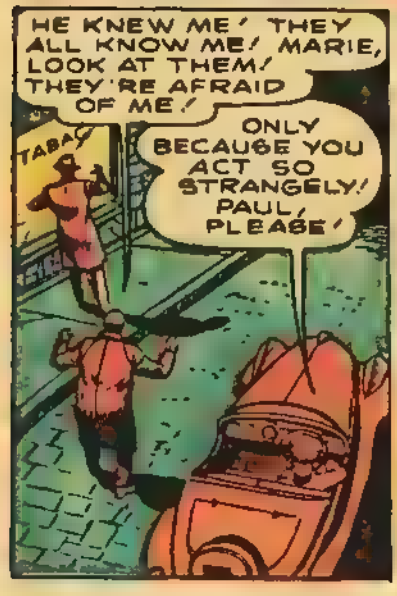
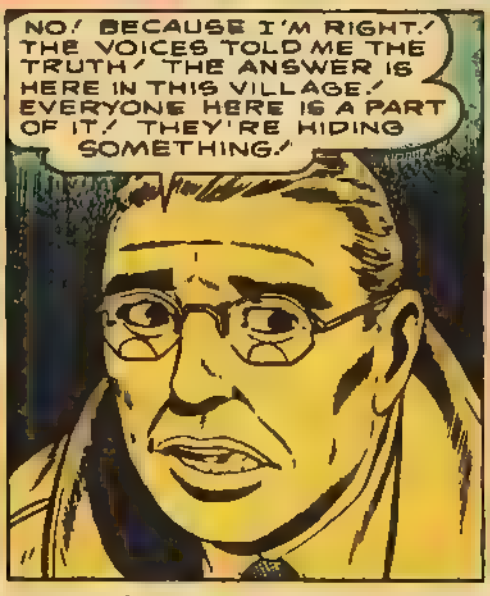
BUT PAUL LECLAIRE DID NOT COME BACK! HE WAS A MAN POSSESSED! HE PLUNGED ON...



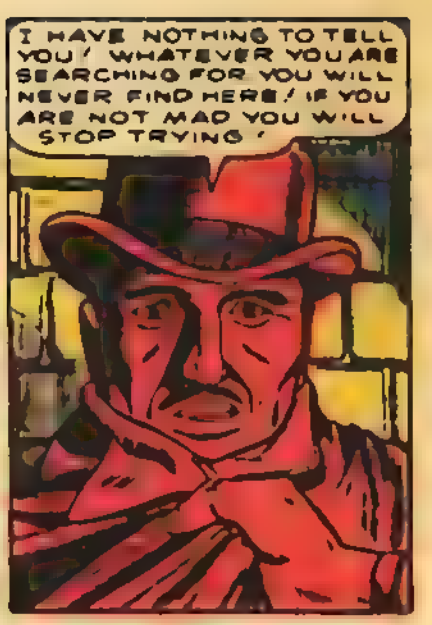



NO! BECAUSE I'M RIGHT! THE VOICES TOLD ME THE TRUTH! THE ANSWER IS HERE IN THIS VILLAGE! EVERYONE HERE IS A PART OF IT! THEY'RE HIDING SOMETHING!

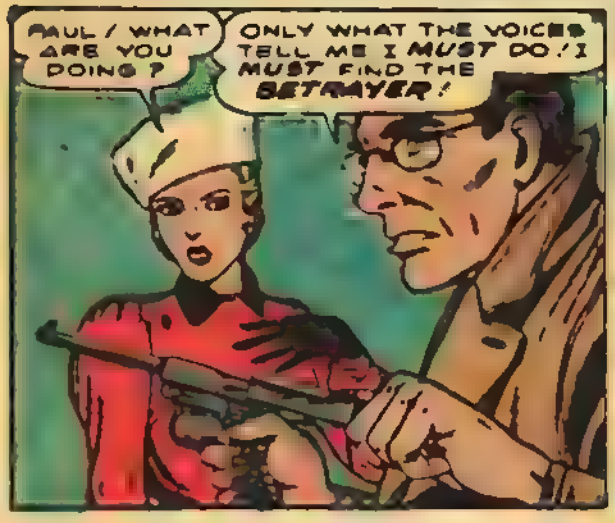
FEAR, BLACK LOOKS, SILENCE! AT FIRST, THESE WERE ALL THAT PAUL LECLAIRE FOUND! BUT A MAN POSSESSED DOES NOT GIVE UP! THE VOICES STILL GOADED HIM...

PAUL LECLAIRE BECAME HARD, BRUTAL...

M'SIEUR! PLEASE! LET ME GO! I CAN TELL YOU NOTHING!
YOU LIE! YOU KNOW ME! YOU ALL KNOW ME! WHO WAS IT? WHO BETRAYED US TO THE GERMANS? TELL ME!

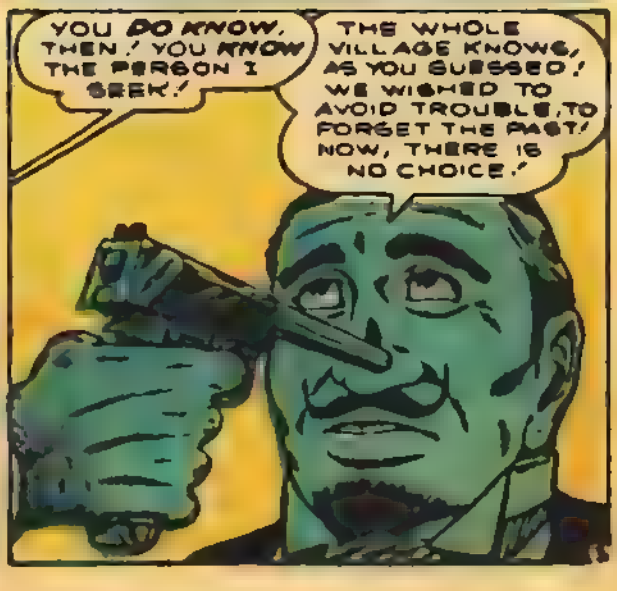


BUT IN A WAY PAUL LECLAIRE WAS MAD! MAD WITH HATE AND THE DESIRE FOR REVENGE! AND SO HE WENT ON...



BUT NOT WITH A GUN! PAUL, IT'S NO USE! DON'T YOU SEE THAT?
NO! I DON'T! IF THERE IS ANYONE IN THE VILLAGE WHO CAN TELL ME WHAT I WANT TO KNOW, IT'S THE MAYOR! HE'LL TALK, OR..

THE UNFINISHED THREAT HUNG OMINOUSLY IN THE AIR! BUT THE THREAT WAS TO BE COMPLETED, ONLY MINUTES LATER...


YOU DO KNOW, THEN! YOU KNOW THE PERSON I SEEK!
THE WHOLE VILLAGE KNOWS, AS YOU GUESSED! WE WISHED TO AVOID TROUBLE, TO FORGET THE PAST! NOW, THERE IS NO CHOICE!

IN THIS BOOK IS THE COMPLETE STORY! I WAS MAYOR DURING THE WAR, TOO, AND I HAVE KEPT A RECORD...
I HAVE NO INTEREST IN DUSTY RECORDS! I WANT ONLY ONE THING! THE NAME OF THE BETRAYER! WHO WAS HE?
A SOLDIER IN THE ARMY OF FREE FRANCE, LIKE YOU, M'SIEUR! THE GERMANS CAPTURED HIM! BUT HE WAS A COWARD! HE MADE A BARGAIN WITH THEM TO SAVE HIS OWN LIFE!
THE GERMANS GAVE HIM HIS LIFE, AND IN RETURN HE LED THEM TO THE CHATEAU!
WORDS, WORDS! ENOUGH OF THIS HISTORY!
WHAT IS HIS NAME? TELL ME!
EVEN IF IT WOULD BE BETTER NOT TO TELL? M'SIEUR, GIVE THIS UP! I BEG YOU!
TELL ME! THE DEAD WON'T LET ME REST UNTIL I'VE AVENGED THEM!
YOU STILL MEAN TO GO ON?
GO ON? THE VOICES CLAMORED IN LECLAIRE'S HEAD! WHAT ELSE COULD HE DO BUT GO ON?
VERY WELL! WHEN THE GERMANS ATTACKED THE CHATEAU, YOU WERE WOUNDED!
I KNOW THAT! HIS NAME! TELL ME HIS NAME!
LECLAIRE'S FINGER TIGHTENED ON THE TRIGGER! BUT HE WAS NEVER TO FIRE, BECAUSE HE UNDERSTOOD, AT LAST, WHY THE VOICES HAD DRIVEN HIM... WHY HE HAD SOUGHT REFUGE IN FORGETTING!
HIS NAME WAS PAUL LECLAIRE, M'SIEUR! YOU ARE THE BETRAYER!

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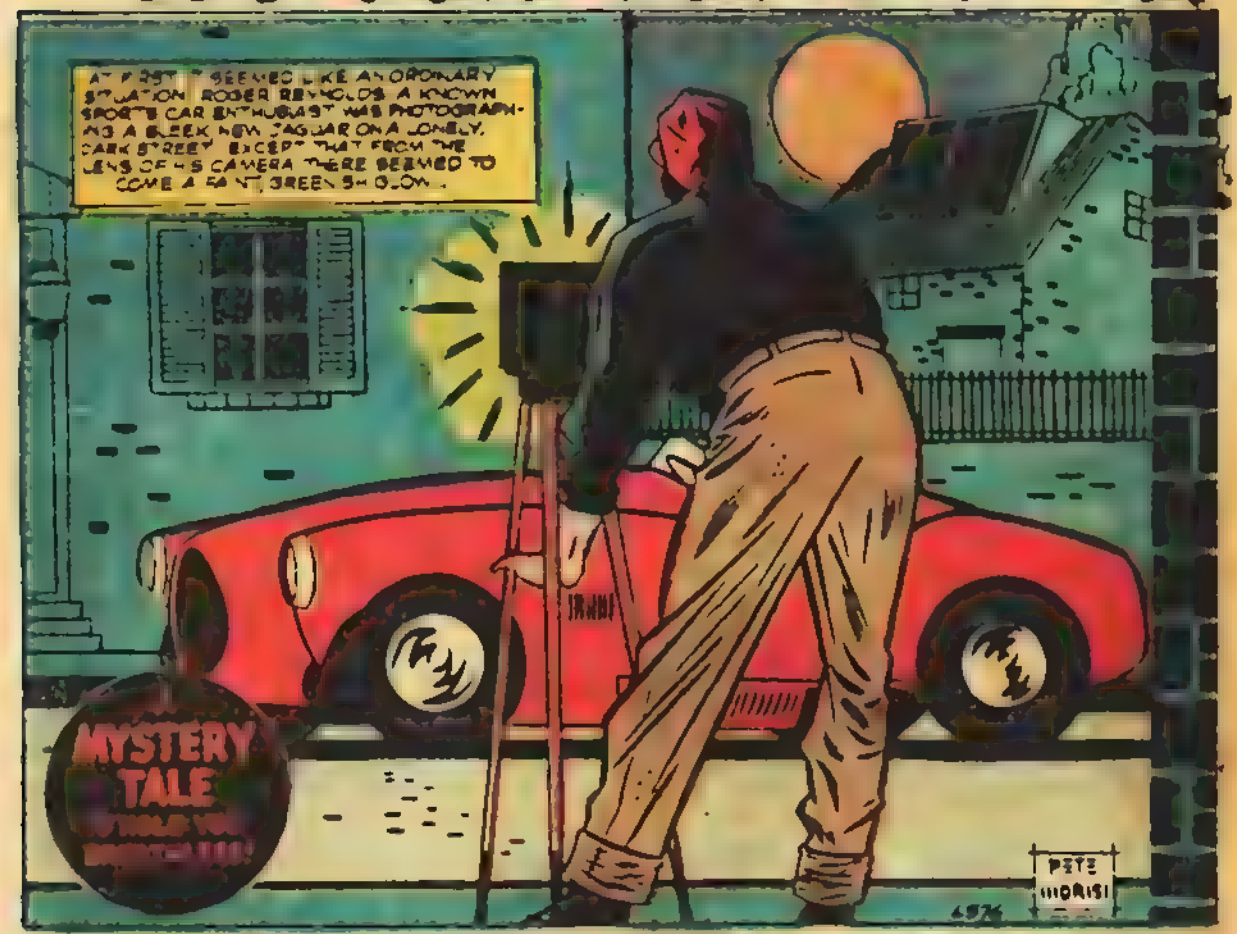
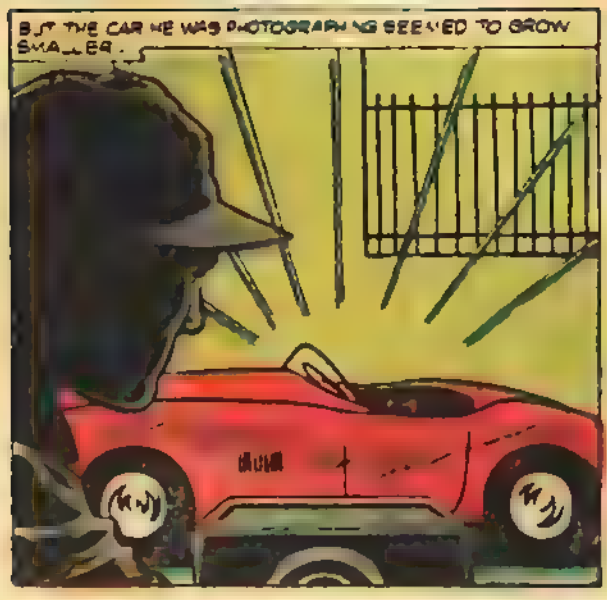
CAN THERE BE A PERFECT CRIME, WHEN CRIME ITSELF IS AN IMPERFECTION? ASSUME THEN THAT THERE IS PERFECTION IN THIS IMPERFECTION! ROGER REYNOLDS DID! HE WENT EVEN FURTHER! HE COMMITTED...

the TOO-PERFECT CRIME!


AT FIRST IT SEEMED LIKE AN ORDINARY SITUATION. ROGER REYNOLDS A KNOWN SPORTS CAR ENTHUSIAST WAS PHOTOGRAPHING A SLEEK NEW JAGUAR ON A LONELY, DARK STREET. EXCEPT THAT FROM THE LENS OF HIS CAMERA THERE SEEMED TO COME A FAINT, GREEN GLOW...
MYSTERY TALE
PETE MORISI



...AND INDEED IT DID! WITHIN SIXTY SECONDS IT SHRUNK TO HALF ITS SIZE! THEN TO QUARTER SIZE! FINALLY IT WAS ONLY THREE INCHES LONG!

AS NONCHALANTLY AS PICKING UP A HANDKERCHIEF, ROGER REYNOLDS STOOPED DOWN, PICKED THE MINIATURE CAR UP, AND PLACED IT IN HIS POCKET!

WITH EQUAL NONCHALANCE, HE PLACED HIS TRIPOD AND CAMERA OVER HIS SHOULDER AND WALKED DOWN THE STREET...
GOOD EVENING, OFFICER!
EVENING, MR. REYNOLDS!

I SURE HAVE THE POLICE FOOLED! I'LL GET FOUR THOUSAND FOR THIS CAR EASILY!

REYNOLDS RETURNED TO HIS GARAGE WHERE OTHER EXPENSIVE CARS WERE STORED! THEN REMOVING THE MINIATURE CAR FROM HIS POCKET, HE PUT IT ON THE GROUND.
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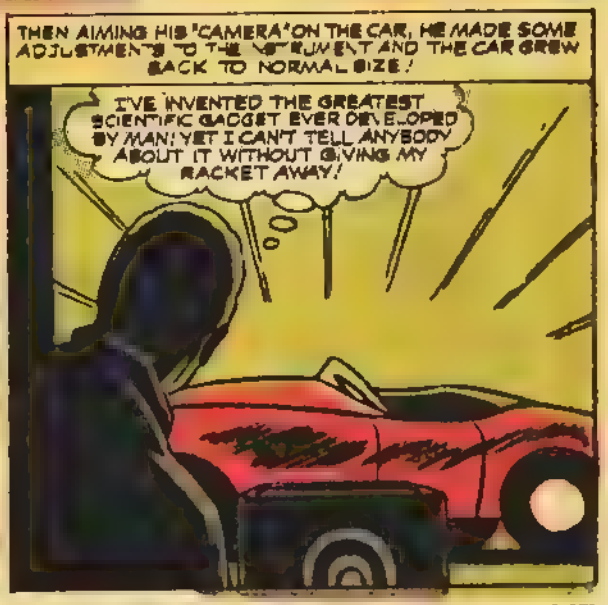
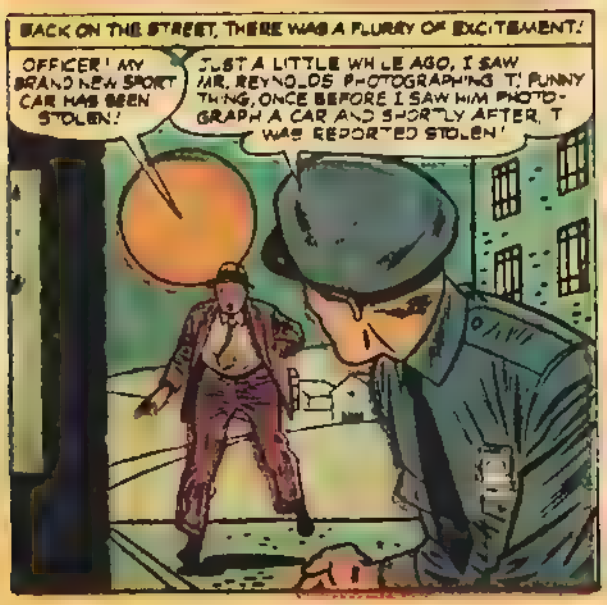
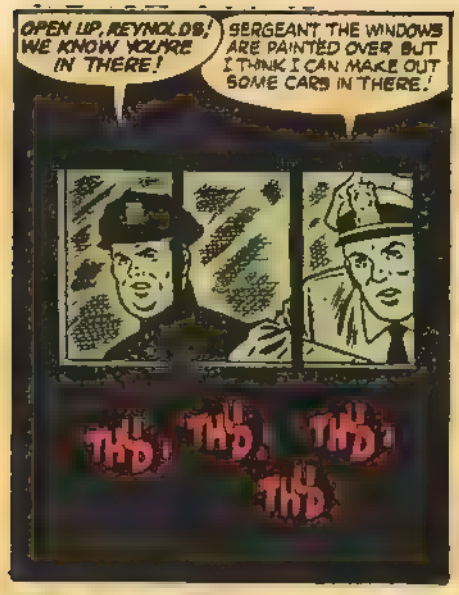

THEN AIMING HIS CAMERA ON THE CAR, HE MADE SOME ADJUSTMENTS TO THE INSTRUMENT AND THE CAR GREW BACK TO NORMAL SIZE!
I'VE INVENTED THE GREATEST SCIENTIFIC GADGET EVER DEVELOPED BY MAN! YET I CAN'T TELL ANYBODY ABOUT IT WITHOUT GIVING MY RACKET AWAY!

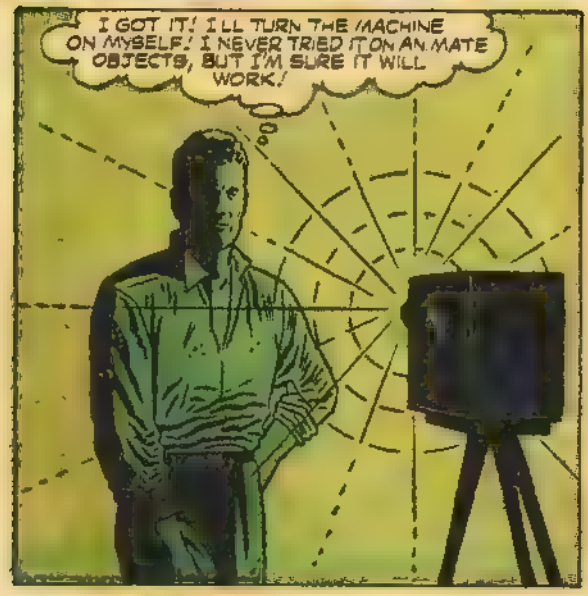

BACK ON THE STREET, THERE WAS A FLURRY OF EXCITEMENT!
OFFICER! MY BRAND NEW SPORT CAR HAS BEEN STOLEN!
JUST A LITTLE WHILE AGO, I SAW MR. REYNOLDS PHOTOGRAPHING IT! FUNNY THING, ONCE BEFORE I SAW HIM PHOTOGRAPH A CAR AND SHORTLY AFTER, IT WAS REPORTED STOLEN!

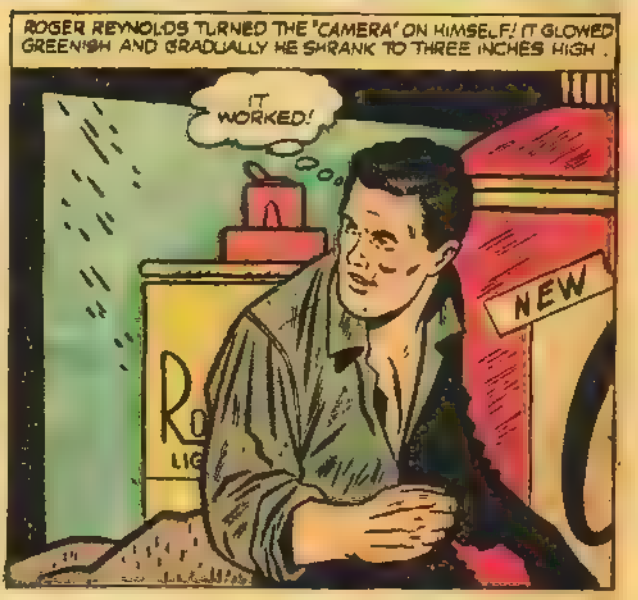
THE POLICEMAN PHONED INTO HEADQUARTERS AND SEVERAL PATROL CARS DREW UP...
SERGEANT, I'VE BEEN SUSPICIOUS OF THIS ROGER REYNOLDS FOR SOME TIME! WHERE DOES HE GET ALL OF HIS MONEY? HE ONLY OWNS A SMALL GARAGE!
OKAY, WELL INVESTIGATE! WE'LL GO TO HIS GARAGE!


OPEN UP, REYNOLDS! WE KNOW YOU'RE IN THERE!
SERGEANT THE WINDOWS ARE PAINTED OVER BUT I THINK I CAN MAKE OUT SOME CARS IN THERE!
THUD! THUD! THUD! THUD!

FOR A MOMENT, THE ONCE COCKY REYNOLDS PANICKED!
I'M CORNERED! TRAPPED! HOW AM I GOING TO GET OUT OF HERE?

THEN REGAINING HIS COMPOSURE, HE THOUGHT AND ACTED FAST!
SURE! I'LL DESTROY THE EVIDENCE. BY REDUCING THE CARS TO MINIATURE! BUT I STILL WON'T BE ABLE TO EXPLAIN MY LARGE BANK ACCOUNT!


I GOT IT! I'LL TURN THE MACHINE ON MYSELF! I NEVER TRIED IT ON ANIMATE OBJECTS, BUT I'M SURE IT WILL WORK!


ROGER REYNOLDS TURNED THE 'CAMERA' ON HIMSELF! IT GLOWED GREENISH AND GRADUALLY HE SHRANK TO THREE INCHES HIGH.
IT WORKED!
NEW

THE POLICE BROKE DOWN THE DOOR!
THERE'S NOTHING HERE BUT A CAMERA ON A TRIPOD!
THAT'S FUNNY! I COULD HAVE SWORN I SAW CARS THRU THE WINDOW!
HA! HA! I'VE COMMITTED THE PERFECT CRIME!
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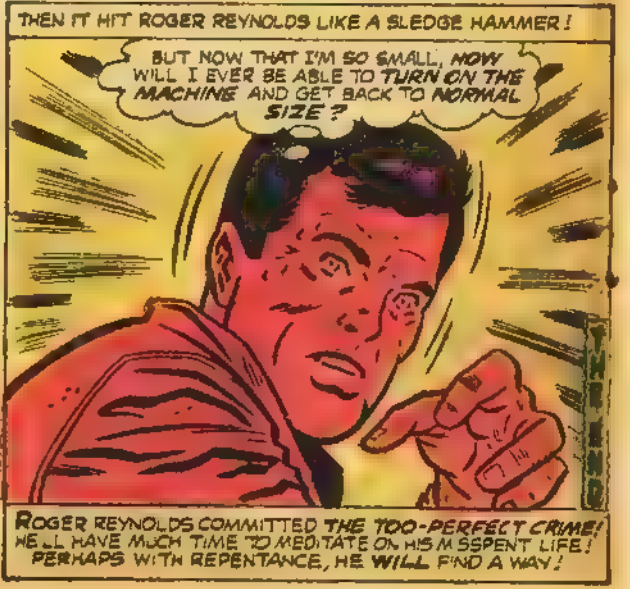
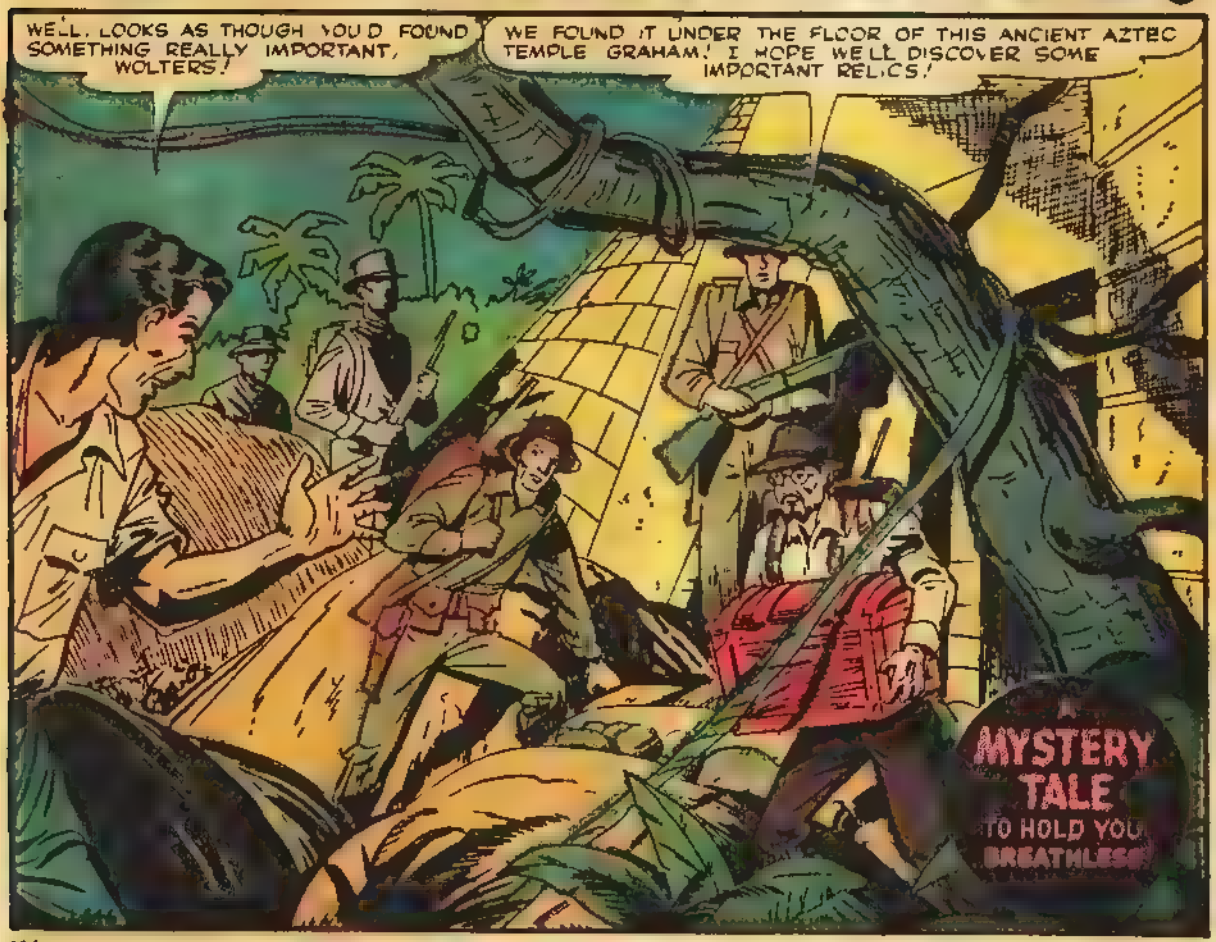
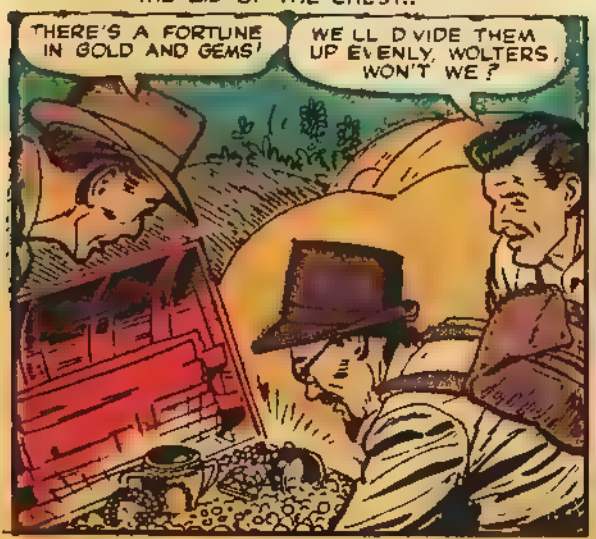

THEN IT HIT ROGER REYNOLDS LIKE A SLEDGE HAMMER!
BUT NOW THAT I'M SO SMALL, NOW WILL I EVER BE ABLE TO TURN ON THE MACHINE AND GET BACK TO NORMAL SIZE?
THE END
ROGER REYNOLDS COMMITTED THE TOO-PERFECT CRIME! HE'LL HAVE MUCH TIME TO MEDITATE ON HIS MISSPENT LIFE! PERHAPS WITH REPENTANCE, HE WILL FIND A WAY!

BART GRAHAM FLED WITH A FABULOUS TREASURE THRU THE DEEP, DARK FOREST OF MEXICO! THERE WAS NOTHING TO STOP HIM UNTIL HE MET A BEAUTIFUL AZTEC MAIDEN IN...

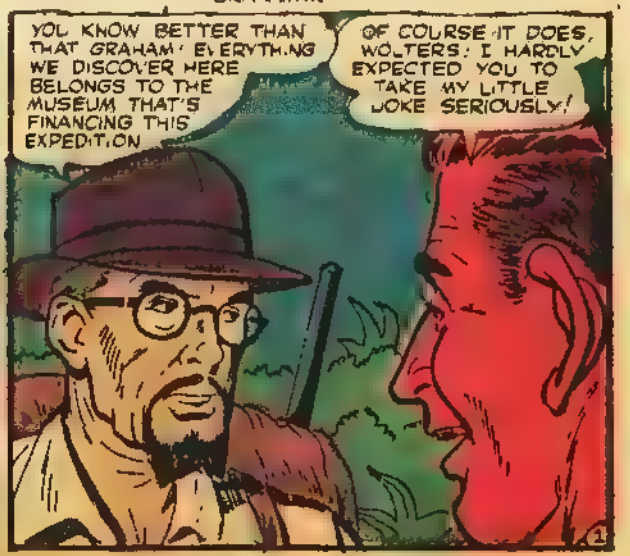
The CITY THAT DIED!


WELL, LOOKS AS THOUGH YOU'D FOUND SOMETHING REALLY IMPORTANT, WOLTERS!
WE FOUND IT UNDER THE FLOOR OF THIS ANCIENT AZTEC TEMPLE GRAHAM! I HOPE WE'LL DISCOVER SOME IMPORTANT RELICS!
A MYSTERY TALE TO HOLD YOU BREATHLESS!

WITH HANDS THAT TREMBLED OF EAGERNESS, CHIEF ARCHAEOLOGIST KENNETH WOLTERS PRIED OPEN THE LID OF THE CHEST..



WOLTERS LOOKED ICILY AT HIS COLLEAGUE BART GRAHAM...


YOU KNOW BETTER THAN THAT GRAHAM! EVERYTHING WE DISCOVER HERE BELONGS TO THE MUSEUM THAT'S FINANCING THIS EXPEDITION
OF COURSE IT DOES, WOLTERS! I HARDLY EXPECTED YOU TO TAKE MY LITTLE JOKE SERIOUSLY!

BART WAS OVERCOME WITH GREED! FROM THE FIRST MOMENT HE SAW THE GLITTERING HOARD, HE WAS DETERMINED TO HAVE IT! THAT NIGHT...

...WITH THIS BURRO'S HOOFS MUFFLED THEY WON'T DISCOVER I'VE GONE TILL MORNING!

NEXT MORNING, THERE WAS GREAT CONSTERNATION AMONG THE ARCHAEOLOGISTS

IT'S BAD NEWS, WOLTERS! NOT ONLY IS THE CHEST GONE, BUT BART GRAHAM HAS DISAPPEARED, TOO! AND ONE OF THE BURROS IS MISSING!

WELL THAT SCOUNDREL ISN'T GOING TO GET AWAY WITH IT! WE'RE GOING AFTER HIM

THE PURSUIT OF BART GRAHAM STARTED WITHIN FIFTEEN MINUTES!

HE APPARENTLY MUFFLED THE BURRO'S HOOFS, BUT GRAHAM'S OWN FOOTPRINTS ARE EASY TO FOLLOW IN THE SOFT JUNGLE EARTH

THE FUGITIVE HAD A FULL SIX-HOUR START ON HIS COLLEAGUES! BUT THE DENSE UNDERGROWTH OF THE JUNGLE MADE HIS PROGRESS SLOW AND DIFFICULT...

I CAN'T TAKE A CHANCE STOPPING TO REST! THEY...MUST BE COMING AFTER ME BY NOW!

WHAT IN THE WORLD??!!

I'VE STUMBLED ON A LIVING ARCHAEOLOGICAL TREASURE! AN ANCIENT CITY! WHY THE PEOPLE HERE LIVE AND DRESS JUST THE WAY THEIR ANCESTORS DID HUNDREDS OF YEARS AGO!

BART WAS MYSTIFIED BY THE INDIANS' SILENT MANNER..

THESE INDIANS ARE HIGHLY CIVILIZED! THEY ACCEPT MY PRESENCE HERE AS NATURAL. PERHAPS OTHER OUTSIDERS HAVE BEEN HERE BEFORE!

TOO TIRED TO GO ON BART GRAHAM INTENDED RESTING IN THE CITY NO MORE THAN A HALF-HOUR BUT HE WAS DESTINED TO LINGER LONGER..

THAT'S THE MOST BEAUTIFUL GIRL I'VE EVER SEEN! I'VE GOT TO MEET HER!

HAVING FALLEN IN LOVE WITH THE INDIAN MAIDEN AT FIRST SIGHT, BART HURRIED TO A NEARBY AZTEC TEMPLE, WHERE HE HID HIS STOLEN TREASURE..

THE CITY'S BIG ENOUGH FOR ME TO HIDE IN SHOULD WOLTERS AND THE OTHERS FIND THEIR WAY HERE! WHEN I LEAVE I'M GOING TO TAKE TWO TREASURES WITH ME THIS ONE AND A NEW BRIDE!

WHEN NEXT HE SAW THE GIRL BART DISCOVERED HE HAD A RIVAL...

I'VE GOT TO TALK TO HER ALONE..TELL HER ABOUT THE WONDERFUL WORLD I'LL TAKE HER TO IF SHE MARRIES ME!

HE SAW HER ALONE SOON AFTERWARD SPOKE TO HER IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH ...BUT...

SHE DOESN'T SEEM TO UNDERSTAND EITHER LANGUAGE! AND I DON'T KNOW A WORD OF AZTEC!

I DON'T STAND MUCH OF A CHANCE WITH A RIVAL AROUND I'VE GOT TO GET THAT GIRL TO MARRY ME EVEN IF I HAVE TO GET RID OF HER BOY FRIEND FOR GOOD! FIRST I MUST GET TO THE ROOF OF ONE OF THESE BUILDINGS..

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WITH THAT FELLOW OUT OF
ANYONE TO STOP ME! I'LL
AND GEMS FROM THE
WITH ME AND CLEAR OUT!
THIS SHOULD TAKE CARE
VANISHED...
IT...IT WAS ALL SO REAL! IT
MIRAGE! THE GIRL...GONE! AND
THE TREASURE
THE TEMPLE I HID MY
TREASURE IN?
THERE
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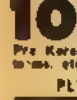

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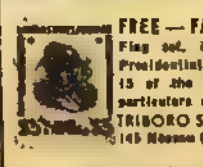

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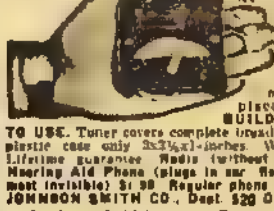

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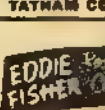

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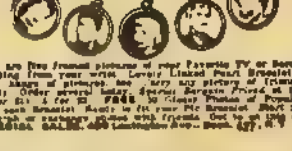

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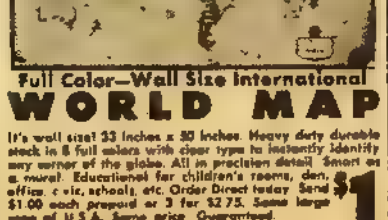

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there for the night!

Hickory thought he was pretty smart to lie awake until his grandfather was sleeping. He then jumped out of bed and stole into the kitchen. His hand was just about to reach out for the cookie jar when a voice snapped out at him.

"What do you think you're doing? That's the last cookie in the jar, and I must have it."

Hickory wheeled around in amazement. An elegantly dressed gentleman stood before him and grabbed the cookie for himself.

"Who . . . who are you?" asked Hickory.

"I'm a musician," the proud fellow announced haughtily. "Only a dunce couldn't see that!"

Hickory blushed for shame as he saw the glimmering gold horn that the young man held in one hand while he stuffed the cookie into his mouth with the other.

"As a matter of fact," the man continued, "I'm absolutely the most wonderful musician in the entire world. I've played in the drawing rooms of kings and queens, dear boy, and I was quite fabulous in my day."

"You mean you don't play any more?" asked Hickory innocently.

"I'm afraid I can't," the musician admitted sadly. "If I did I can assure you that I'd find a better place to live than the attic room of this old house."

"I didn't know Grandfather had any boarders staying here," said Hickory.

"Oh, he let me have the place a few months ago," the musician said. "I've broken my horn, you see, and I can't find anyone to fix it for me."

"Well, why don't you buy a new horn?" Hickory suggested.

"I can see you're not as razor-sharp as you think you are," the musician said. "A man in my position *cannot* replace his horn, dear boy. It would be like my saying to you, why don't you get a new personality? And from stories I've heard, you're not the type to want that. I'm afraid you're very much like the sort of person *I've* been . . . always bragging about how wonderful you are. If only this dreadful thing hadn't happened to my horn!

To hear the others tell the story, I was showing off to a beautiful Spanish senorita, and I blew my horn too hard. I fell down, and the horn was smashed. The beautiful Spanish lady is in love now with a Roman senator, a perfect bore of a fellow, if you ask me. Tragic, isn't it, but there's no mending that can be done. Your grandfather knows that.

"But the same thing is bound to happen to you someday, Hickory. Maybe you won't wind up with a broken horn, but you humans are subject to broken hearts. And a bragger like you is sure to wind up without anyone really loving him; so, you better be careful, Hickory. Mark my words!"

With that, the strange musician left. Hickory ran to his grandfather's room and awakened him.

"Please, Grandpa, can't you fix that poor musician's horn? He's terribly upset about it and carrying on so, poor fellow."

His grandfather looked at Hickory suspiciously.

"You must have had a bad dream, young man. There's no musician in this house . . . unless . . ." Suddenly, his grandfather burst out laughing. "Why, you must have seen that old broken *statue* I keep in the attic. It used to be in a famous palace. I wanted to buy the porcelain figurines of a Spanish lady and the bust of a Roman senator there, but they were assigned to a museum because they were quite beautiful and very valuable. I bought the broken statue of the musician though, not that it's worth anything because the horn is broken, as you say. I keep it as a palace souvenir. Funny that you should dream about my poor broken statue, of all things!"

The day before Hickory left for home, he visited the attic, and there, covered with dust, stood the lonely, broken figure of the musician . . . just a statue after all!

Hickory became quite a different person, instead of boasting, he tried hard to deserve the love he needed. Years later people always asked Hickory why he kept a broken statue in his house. He would smile shyly and mysteriously. "For sentimental reasons. You see, if not for the broken statue, I might have wound up with a broken heart!"

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THERE WAS SOMETHING IN THE AIR SOMETHING STRANGE AND DISTURBING! AGAINST HIS WILL, AGAINST HIS REASON, KEN BARROW WAS DESTINED TO SPEND..

MIDNIGHT on the MOOR!

L-LOOK OUT! THERE'S A CAR COMIN' UP BEHIND US!
TOO LATE! HE'S TRAVELIN' TOO FAST!
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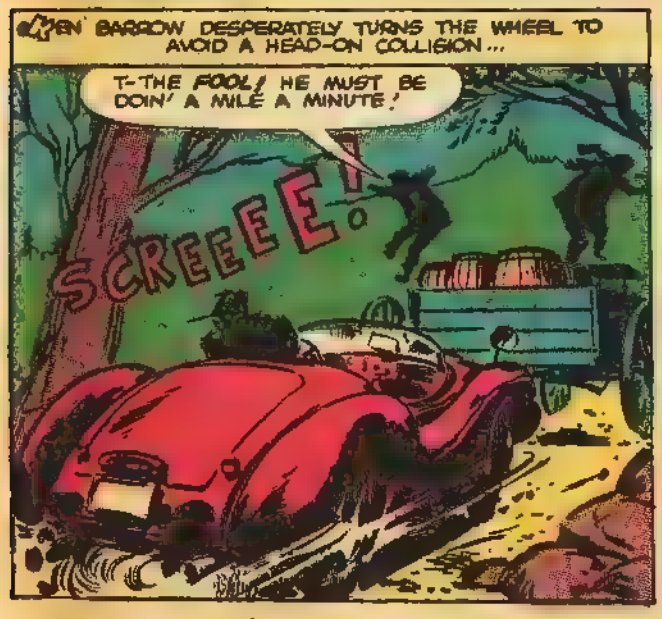
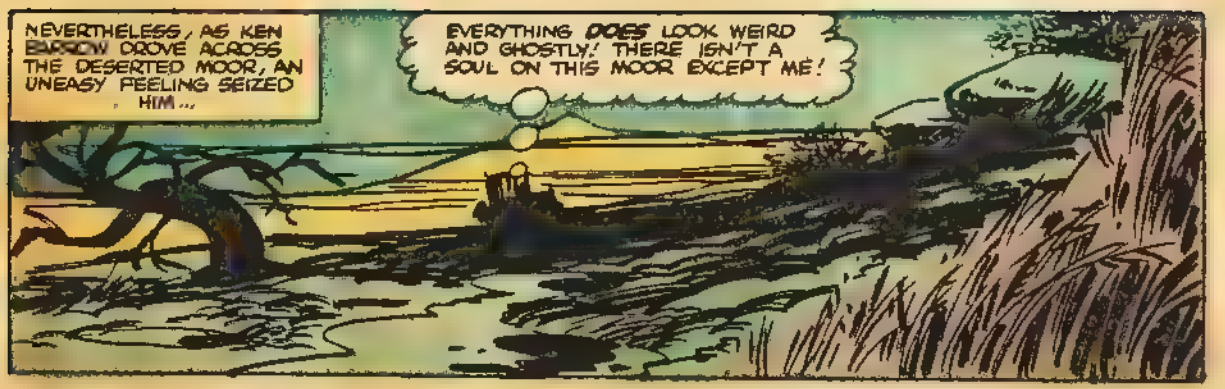
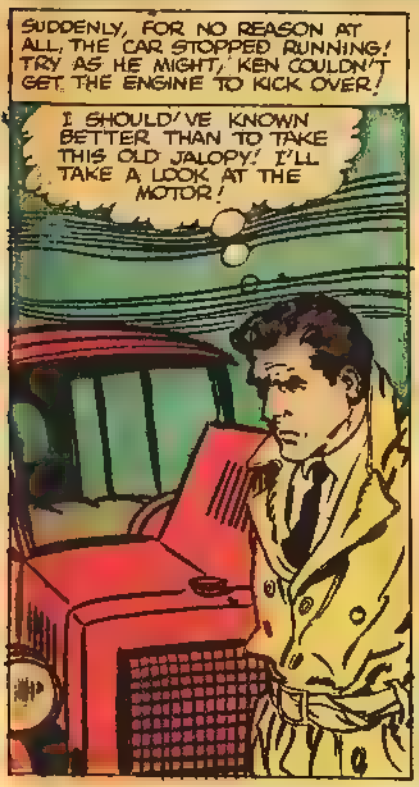


MOMENTS LATER, IN A NEARBY FIELD
YOU HAD A CLOSE CALL, FRIEND! AN' I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHERE YOU GOIN' IN SUCH A HURRY?
EDINBURGH AIRPORT. I HAVE A PLANE TO CATCH AT MIDNIGHT. I'VE GOT TO BE IN LONDON IN THE MORNING ON IMPORTANT BUSINESS!
WELL YOU WON'T GET THERE IN THAT CAR!
BUT I'VE GOT TO BE IN LONDON TOMORROW MORNING! MAYBE I CAN RENT ANOTHER CAR! HOW FAR TO THE NEAREST TOWN?
A MILE AND A HALF DUE SOUTH! BUT IT WON'T DO YOU ANY GOOD. NOBODY'LL LEAVE HAWKSLIE AT THIS HOUR!
HE DOESN'T HEAR YOU, JIM! I NEVER SAW A MAN IN SUCH A HURRY. LOOK AT HIM! RUNNIN' AS IF HIS LIFE DEPENDED ON IT!
A HALF-HOUR LATER IN THE VILLAGE OF HAWKSLIE
I DON'T BLAME PEOPLE FOR THINKING I'M CRAZY BUT I'VE JUST GOT TO MAKE THAT BOARD MEETING AT 10 TOMORROW! MY COMPANY IS READY TO BUY A TRACT OF LAND THAT'S A LEMON ... AND I MUST STOP IT IN PERSON!
SHORTLY AFTER, IN THE TOWN TAVERN...
I'LL PAY ANYTHING IF SOMEONE WILL DRIVE ME TO EDINBURGH! I WAS JUST DOWN AT THE GARAGE! NOBODY WOULD TAKE MY PROPOSITION!
EVENING! NOBODY IN HAWKSLIE WILL CROSS THE MOOR AFTER DARK!
THERE'S A LEGEND IN THESE PARTS. ONE NIGHT A YEAR... TONIGHT... SIR MALCOLM VENNER... 16TH CENTURY OWNER OF THE MOOR, HAUNTS THE MOOR WITH HIS VICIOUS PACK OF HOUNDS! ANYONE FOUND ON THE MOOR WILL REGRET HIS FOLLY!
SUPERSTITIOUS NONSENSE! I'LL RENT OR BUY A CAR. NAME YOUR PRICE!
UPON FINDING A TAKER
THERE HE GOES. THE FOOL. NOBODY WHO KNOWS THE LEGEND WOULD DARE CROSS THE VENNER MOOR FOR LOVE OR MONEY!
THE LOCAL SUPERSTITIONS GIVE ME A LAUGH! GHOSTS ON THE MOOR. HOW BACKWARD THESE PEOPLE ARE

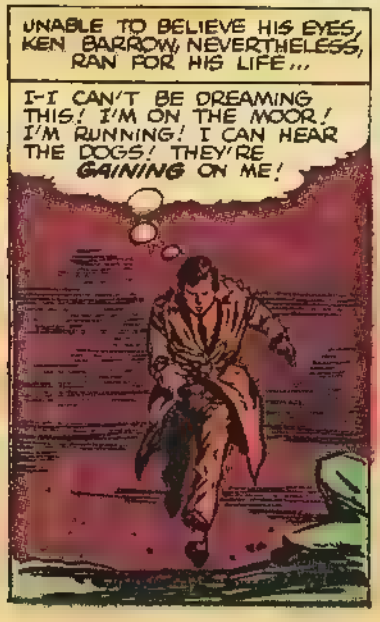

NEVERTHELESS, AS KEN BARROW DROVE ACROSS THE DESERTED MOOR, AN UNEASY FEELING SEIZED HIM...
EVERYTHING DOES LOOK WEIRD AND GHOSTLY! THERE ISN'T A SOUL ON THIS MOOR EXCEPT ME!


SUDDENLY, FOR NO REASON AT ALL, THE CAR STOPPED RUNNING! TRY AS HE MIGHT, KEN COULDN'T GET THE ENGINE TO KICK OVER!
I SHOULD'VE KNOWN BETTER THAN TO TAKE THIS OLD JALOPY! I'LL TAKE A LOOK AT THE MOTOR!

BUT A HALF-HOUR'S INSPECTION AND TINKERING BORE NO FRUIT...
IT'S USELESS! NO SENSE GOING BACK TO HARKSLIE! THERE WASN'T A BETTER VEHICLE THERE! I'LL STRIKE OUT CROSS-COUNTRY! MAYBE I'LL HIT A MAIN ROAD AND HITCH A RIDE!

KEN BARROW HADN'T BEEN TRAVELING MORE THAN TEN MINUTES, WHEN...
S-SOMETHING'S COMING ACROSS THE MOOR! I-I CAN HEAR THE BAYING OF DOGS!

IT'S THEM! SIR MALCOLM AND HIS HOUNDS!


UNABLE TO BELIEVE HIS EYES, KEN BARROW, NEVERTHELESS, RAN FOR HIS LIFE...
I-I CAN'T BE DREAMING THIS! I'M ON THE MOOR! I'M RUNNING! I CAN HEAR THE DOGS! THEY'RE GAINING ON ME!

SUDDENLY, KEN BARROW TRIPPED! DOWN HE WENT! HE LOOKED AROUND IN DISMAY! HE WAS LOST!
N-NO! DON'T COME CLOSER! STAY AWAY!

A MOMENT LATER, TO KEN BARROW'S INTENSE ASTONISHMENT, HIS FOE BURST INTO LAUGHTER!
HO! HO! SCARED YOU, DIDN'T I? SERVES YOU RIGHT FOR FLAUNTING HARKSLIE'S PET LEGEND! BUT YOU'RE A BRAVE MAN! FOR 300 YEARS NO OTHER MAN HAS DARED SET FOOT ON THIS MOOR!
W-WAIT A MINUTE! AREN'T YOU A GHOST! THE CREATURE WHO WANDERS OVER THIS LAND ONCE EVERY YEAR?
AYE! I AM HE! COME TO MY CASTLE, . I'LL EXPLAIN THE ENTIRE STORY! DON'T MIND MY DOGS! THEY'LL LEAVE YOU ALONE NOW!
T-THANK GOOD-NESS! I'D SOONER TANGLE WITH WILDCATS!
SHORTLY AFTER... YOU SEE, THERE'S A SECRET CLAUSE IN THE VENNER SUCCESSION THAT EACH BARONET MUST KEEP UP THE ANCIENT SUPERSTITION BY MOVING ACROSS THE MOOR ON THE APPOINTED NIGHT WITH A PACK OF HOUNDS! THUS, OLD TRADITIONS ARE UPHELD!
I GET IT! IT'S JUST A STUNT! PART OF YOUR LEGACY!
TWO HOURS LATER, IN THE BANQUET ROOM...
NOW THAT I'VE CONFIDED IN YOU, PLEASE VOW THAT YOU'LL NEVER DIVULGE MY SECRET! IT'S JUST BETWEEN US, EH?
I PROMISE! YOUR HOSPITALITY HAS ALMOST MADE ME FORGET WHAT I ORIGINALLY DEFIED THE LEGEND TO REACH! EDINBURGH! MY APPOINTMENT IN LONDON!
BUT IN THE MORNING, WHEN KEN BARROW GOT BACK TO HARKSLIE, HIS ANGER FLARED UP WHEN HE REALIZED HE'D MISSED THE VITAL MEETING...
THAT'S RIGHT! IT'S ALL A FRAUD! EITHER VENNER PRETENDS TO PLAY GHOST OR HE FORFEITS THE BARONETCY!
SO YOU DINED AT VENNER CASTLE LAST NIGHT? TAKE US THERE!
AN HOUR LATER, ON THE MOOR...
WHERE DO YOU SEE A CASTLE! WHERE IS SIR MALCOLM VENNER? FOOLISH MAN! THERE HASN'T BEEN A LIVING DESCENDANT OF SIR MALCOLM FOR ALMOST 200 YEARS!
BUT I WAS HERE LAST NIGHT! I SPOKE TO SIR MALCOLM!
AYE! YOU WERE HERE! THERE ARE YOUR GLOVES AND THE REMAINS OF A MEAL!
G-GOOD HEAVENS! THEN WHOM DID I SPEAK TO?
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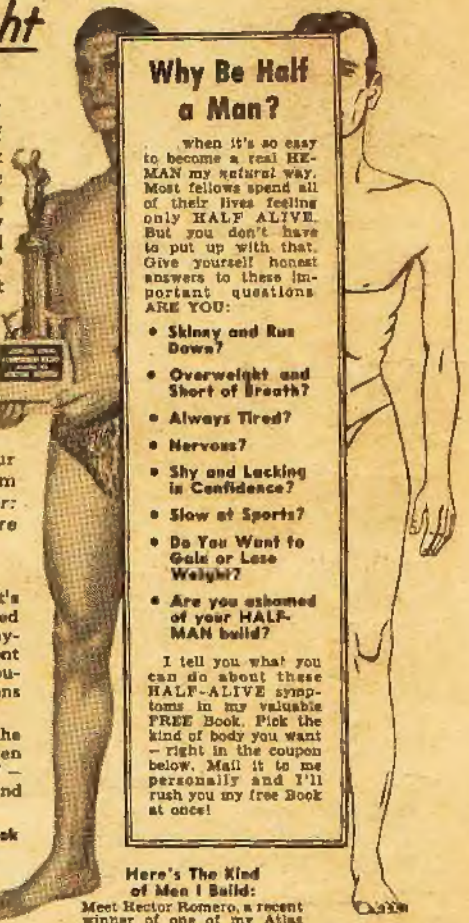

Why Be Half a Man?

... when it's so easy to become a real HE-MAN my natural way. Most fellows spend all of their lives feeling only HALF ALIVE. But you don't have to put up with that. Give yourself honest answers to these important questions ARE YOU:

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I tell you what you can do about these HALF-ALIVE symptoms in my valuable FREE Book. Pick the kind of body you want—right in the coupon below. Mail it to me personally and I'll rush you my free Book at once!

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City..... State.....

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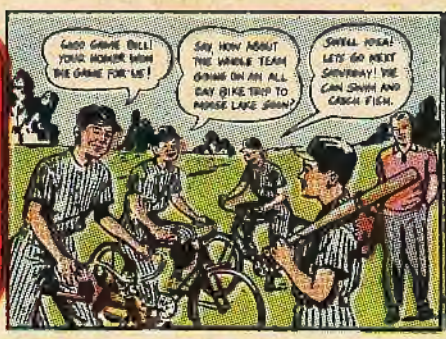
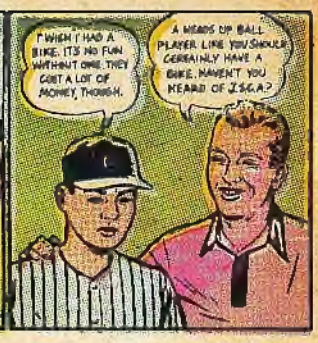
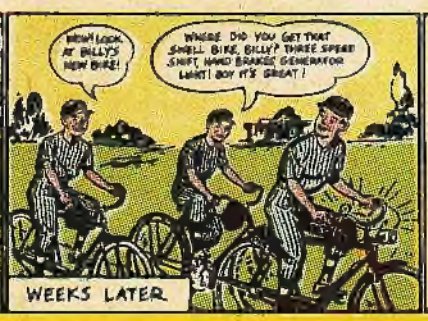
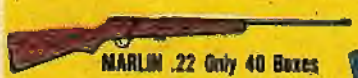

GOOD GAME BILL! YOUR HOMER WON THE GAME FOR US!
SAY, HOW ABOUT THE WHOLE TEAM GOING ON AN ALL DAY BIKE TRIP TO MOOSE LAKE SOON?
SWELL IDEA! LETS GO NEXT SATURDAY! WE CAN SWIM AND CATCH FISH.


I WISH I HAD A BIKE. IT'S NO FUN WITHOUT ONE. THEY COST A LOT OF MONEY, THOUGH.
A HEADS UP BALL PLAYER LIKE YOU SHOULD CERTAINLY HAVE A BIKE. HAVEN'T YOU HEARD OF J.S.C.A.?

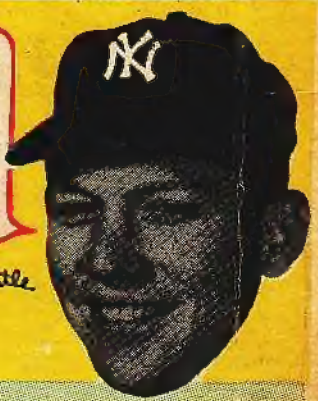
HEY FELLAS! IT'S MICKEY MANTLE. HE WATCHED OUR GAME.
GOSH MICKEY, I'VE HEARD OF JUNIOR SALES CLUB OF AMERICA. IT'S TERRIFIC! KIDS EARN ALL KINDS OF PRIZES, EVEN BIKES THROUGH J.S.C.A.
RIGHT! DID YOU HEAR THAT BILL?


WOW! LOOK AT BILLY'S NEW BIKE!
WHERE DID YOU GET THAT SWELL BIKE, BILLY? THREE SPEED SHIFT, HAND BRAKES, GENERATOR LIGHT! BOY IT'S GREAT!
WEEKS LATER

I EARNED IT ALL MYSELF WITHOUT PAYING A PENNY THROUGH JUNIOR SALES CLUB OF AMERICA. I'M HAVING A SWELL TIME THANKS TO MICKEY MANTLE AND J.S.C.A.!



Look Kids, get these prizes for yourself without cost from JUNIOR SALES CLUB of AMERICA



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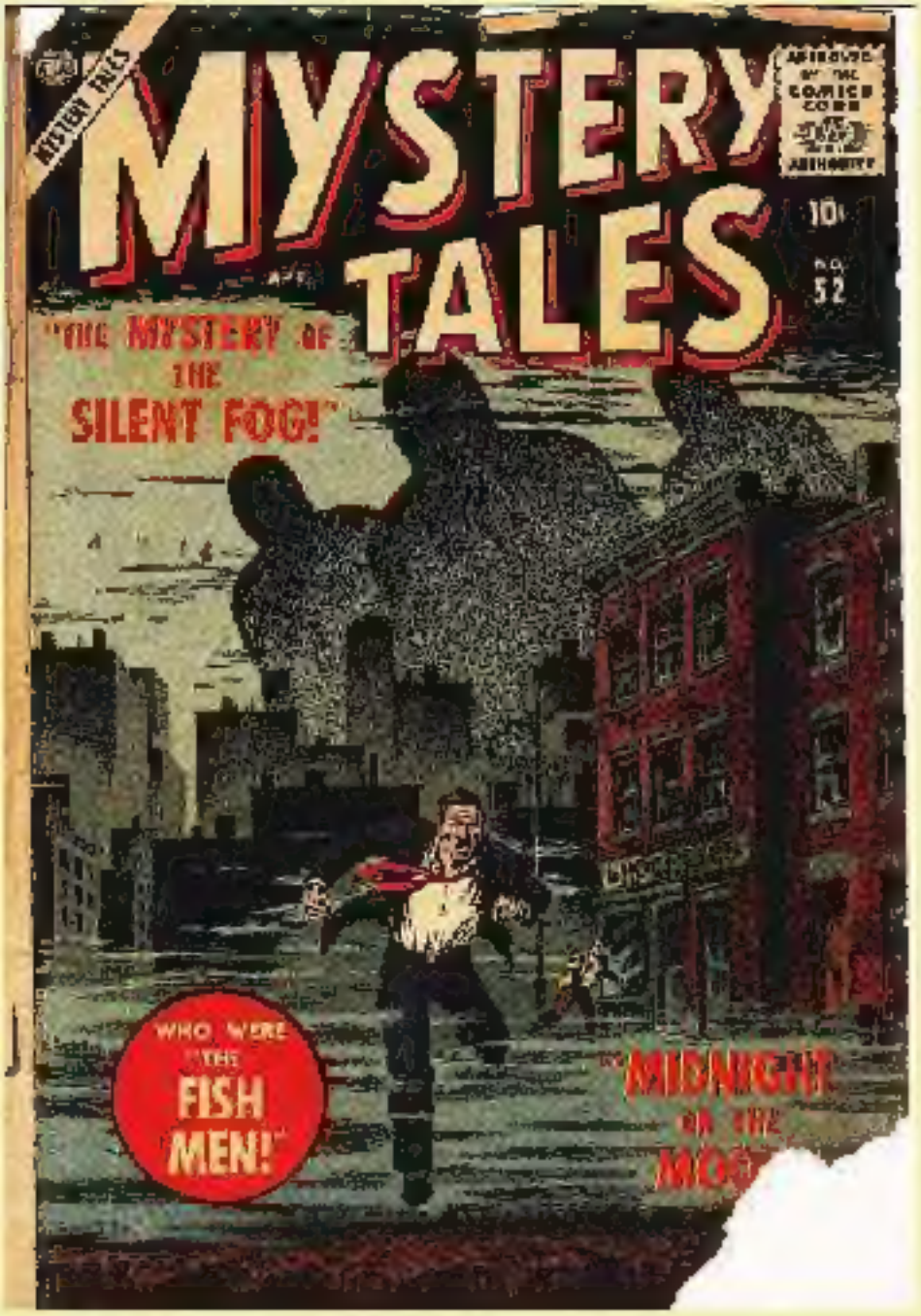

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